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TAGS: OREP (WAXMAN, HENRY)

SUBJECT: CODEL WAXMAN

REF: DAMASCUS 7357

1. REPRESENTATIVE WAXMAN TELEPHONED TO MAKE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON REFTEL. WE WILL DISCUSS THESE WITH AMBASSADOR MURPHY ON TUESDAY AND WILL TRY TO FORWARD ANY OF HIS COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS AT THAT TIME.

2. WAXMAN APPRECIATES INVITATION TO STAY AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE BUT HOPES IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY OBSERVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. THIS MEANS THEY DO NOT RPT NOT EAT MEAT OR SHELLFISH. NO OTHER PROBLEMS.

3. ALTHOUGH WE EXPLAINED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, WAXMAN NEVERTHELESS ASKED THAT AS MANY APPOINTMENTS AS POSSIBLE BE SHIFTED TO NON-WORKING DAY OF FRIDAY SO AS TO LEAVE SATURDAY RELATIVELY FREE FOR VISITS TO JEWISH QUARTER, ETC. HE WANTS TO MEET WITH RABBI HAMRA AND OTHER JEWISH LEADERS.

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4. HE WOULD LIKE ALSO TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE BA'ATH PARTY.

5. HE WILL NOT BE BRINGING BLACK TIE AND THEREFORE PREFERS NOT TO ATTEND MARINE BALL. AFTER EXPLAINING TRADITIONS, WE SUGGESTED HE DECIDE AFTER ARRIVAL DAMASCUS.

6. HE APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING DRINKS AT COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S HOME.

7. HE IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT TRIP TO QUNEITRA, AND WOULD PREFER APPOINTMENTS THAT DAY IF POSSIBLE. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS WITH CONGRESSMAN ON HIS ARRIVAL. KISSINGER

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